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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Sang-bom Kang et al.

Serial No.: 10/050,195

Filed: January 16, 2002

For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE CONTACT PLUGS HAVING A LINER LAYER  
THAT EXERTS COMPRESSIVE STRESS THEREON AND METHODS OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002 ("the Action").

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 15-24 and 33-44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

The Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Invention I. Claims 1-14 and 25-32, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 767; and

Invention II. Claims 15-24 and 33-44 drawn to a method of fabricating a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 686.

In response, Applicants elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-14 and 25-32. Applicants agree that unpatentability of Invention II, which corresponds to Claims 15-24 and 33-44 would not necessarily imply unpatentability of Invention I. Accordingly, Applicants are making this election without traverse, and have cancelled Claims 15-24 and 33-44 without prejudice or disclaimer. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1-14 and 25-32.